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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)
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Examiner
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Jun 18, 2002
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 35 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 47-61 is/are pending in the application
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 47-61 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirements

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. Claims 47-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention for the same reasons given in the last Office action and repeated below.

Independent claim 47 recites “automatically providing a connection with another one of said remote terminals in accordance with stored telephone numbers” (lines 21-22). However, the disclosure fails to provide support for such connection between a caller at a remote terminal with another remote terminal.

Independent claim 50 recites “testing at least certain of said data entered by said individual caller against a file including negative data” (lines 9-10). However, the disclosure fails to provide support for such testing against a file including negative data.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed June 18, 2002 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. .

Regarding claim 47, Applicant points to an outbound operation by an automatic dialer as provider support for “automatically providing a connection with another one of said remote

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terminals in accordance with stored telephone numbers.” However, claim 47 recites a method in which the step of “automatically providing a connection...” occurs after the steps of “receiving caller number identification signals...,” “cuing select remote terminals to prompt selective actuation...,” “selectively identifying said responsive signals...,” “testing at least a portion...,” “recording said caller number identification signals...,” and “transferring a call from said individual caller...,” which take place during an inbound operation. The examiner fails to find support in the specification for the outbound operation step of automatic dialing occurring after the recited steps of the inbound operation.

Regarding claim 50, Applicant points to page 23, lines 4-11 of the specification describing the use of a caller’s telephone number from an ANI communication to address the caller’s record. However, the accommodation of callers with “out-dated records” does not provide proper support for “testing at least certain of said data entered by said individual caller against a file including negative data.” Out-dated information is simply information that is old and no longer applies to the caller, that is, information that needs updating. Out-dated information is not the same as “negative data.” Secondly, the cited passage does not recite any “testing...against a file.” Thirdly, the caller’s telephone number is received from an ANI communication, not “data entered by said individual caller.”

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Conclusion

3. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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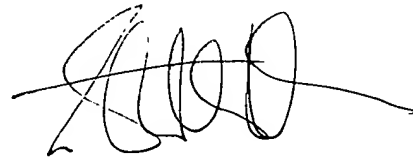
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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stella Woo whose telephone number is (703) 305-4395. Any general inquiries should be directed to the Customer Service Office at (703) 306-0377.

September 7, 2002

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stella Woo', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER**